

Amendments to the Claims

7. (currently amended) Apparatus for welding together two ~~bodies~~pipes which are placed mutually in line against each other while leaving clear a weld groove, comprising a carrier for a welding torch guideable in a longitudinal direction of the weld groove, characterized by at least two carriers each having at least two welding torches lying successively in the longitudinal direction of the weld groove and wherein said welding torches lie adjacently side by side in the longitudinal direction of said weld groove.
8. (previously amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein said weld groove has outwardly diverging walls, and said two welding torches are comprised of a ~~leading~~ welding torch and a trailing welding torch characterized by means for moving at least each trailing welding torch reciprocally in a transverse direction relative to said weld groove.
9. (previously amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that said means are formed by a shaft pin driven for reciprocal sliding in each carrier and connected to at least said trailing welding torch.
10. (currently amended) Method for welding together two ~~bodies~~pipes which include
 - placing the two ~~bodies~~pipes mutually in line against each other while leaving clear a weld groove formed in the two ~~bodies~~pipes;
 - placing two carriers each having two welding torches successively at a predetermined fixed distance in the longitudinal direction of said weld groove;
 - moving said two carriers each having two welding torches in a peripheral direction relative to the two bodies such that said weld groove is filled with two

welding layers in one welding pass by means of the two welding torches of said two carriers, said welding torches adjacent to each other.

11. (previously added) Method of claim 10 wherein said weld groove has outwardly diverging walls and each of said two carriers has a leading welding torch and a trailing welding torch, and at least said trailing welding torch of each of said carriers oscillates as said weld groove is filled.
12. (previously added) Method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said trailing welding torch is oscillated at a greater amplitude than said leading welding torch.
13. (previously added) Method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said trailing welding torch is oscillated at a frequency differing from that of said leading welding torch.
14. (previously added) Method for welding together two pipes as claimed in claim 10, wherein each of said two carriers is moved over half a peripheral part of the said pipes per welding pass.
15. (previously added) Method as claimed in claim 14, wherein each of said two carriers is moved in a downward peripheral direction of the pipes per welding pass.